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Bontrager joins Everence as Chief Financial Officer



Everence is pleased to welcome Benjamin J. Bontrager as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer, starting Sept. 30, 2025. Bontrager joins the Everence Senior Leadership Team, reporting to Everence President and CEO Ken Hochstetler.

Bontrager brings more than 20 years of leadership experience in finance and operations to Everence. He previously served as Vice President for Finance and Operations at Goshen College, and prior to that as Chief Financial Officer at Goshen Health.

Bontrager received a Master of Business Administration degree from Goshen College and a Bachelor of Science in Information Systems from Bethel College (Mishawaka, Indiana), with dual concentrations in Business Administration and Computer Information Systems.

He is actively engaged in the community, currently serving as a member of the Greencroft Goshen Board and Greencroft Communities Finance Committee.





Praxis Funds cross milestones: \$100 million for ETFs and \$3 billion for mutual funds

Praxis™ Mutual Funds have reached \$3 billion in assets under management (AUM), and Praxis ETFs have attained \$100 million in AUM in just five months since their launch. These funds are designed to meet the practical needs of faith-based and values-driven investors, who want to align their investments with their values.

This April, in response to demand from investors and financial advisors, Praxis launched its inaugural ETFs – Praxis Impact Large Cap Growth ETF (PRXG) and Praxis Impact Large Cap Value ETF (PRXV) – which are designed to provide practical solutions for investors looking for lower-cost, liquid, tax-efficient investment options that both align with their values and seek approximately benchmark-level returns with limited tracking error.

The Praxis Mutual Funds include: Praxis Impact Bond Fund (MIIX), Praxis Growth Index Fund (MMDEX), Praxis Value Index Fund (MVIIX), Praxis Small Cap Index Fund (MMSIX) and Praxis International Index Fund (MPLIX).



Everence Development Conference inspires fundraising professionals to grow donor impact

More than 230 fundraising professionals and nonprofit leaders from faith-based organizations gathered Sept. 23-25, 2025, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, for the biennial Everence Development Conference.

With the theme “Your mission. Your fundraising,” the three-day event provided development staff, executive directors, board members and other faith-focused nonprofit leaders with insights from engaging speakers, relevant workshops, and professional fellowship and conversations.

More information about the conference may be found at everence.com/EverenceDev25.

Everence grants bring relief and hope to churches impacted by 2025 California wildfires

In response to the devastation caused by the 2025 wildfires in California, Everence extended assistance by contributing \$36,000 to churches in and around Los Angeles County that provided immediate relief and long-term recovery assistance to those affected by the crisis.

Everence distributed a dozen \$3,000 grants to eight Everence-affiliated churches throughout the LA area from February through May 2025, many of which have African, Central American or Caribbean roots.

The California Wildfire Assistance Grants and Everence Sharing Funds are just two examples of the many ways Everence and its members provide financial support to those in need, through the organization’s long-standing commitment to community investment, grant-making, and charitable giving.



Churchgoers in Altadena, California, lost homes and were displaced during the 2025 California wildfires.



*Now, discipline always seems painful
rather than pleasant at the time, but later it
yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those
who have been trained by it.*

– ROMANS 15:7

THE ULTRAMARATHONER BREAKING RECORDS AT 80

This summer, 80-year-old Bob Becker completed the Badwater 135 race, an ultramarathon nicknamed the “world’s toughest race,” becoming the oldest runner to cross the finish line. CBS News reports that the race began at Death Valley, where temperatures reached 118 degrees Fahrenheit. Becker made 45 hours on the race, running in the scorching heat of Death Valley and up three mountain ranges. Becker was one of only 93 people to complete the Badwater 135 in 2025. He didn’t get into running until his late 50s, signing up for his first 150-mile race for his 60th birthday, and he’s not planning on retiring soon.



QUAKER MEETING HOUSE SEES MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Amid stories of shrinking church attendance, a historic meeting house in Philadelphia is seeing new members as young people join for quiet worship. The Associated Press reports that membership at Arch Street Meeting House has gone from a small group of 25 before 2020, to about 100 today. Many of the new attendees are young people looking for a moment of quiet reflection,

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25 TO ABOUT 100
IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS

in community, as a way to offset a noisy world. Though the meeting house has continued its tradition of not proselytizing, members credit its outreach clerk for raising awareness about the contributions of Quakers and posting about community events on social media.

STAY AHEAD OF THE WINTER BLUES

Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is a type of depression that can occur during the winter months, when there is less sunlight. It affects about 5% of Americans. The BBC reports that there are things you can do to help manage it, like embracing the season by finding different hobbies



to focus on what you can do, rather than what you can’t. You should also rest more often, as the human body is hardwired to need more rest in the winter. Finally, make time and plans to do activities with other people; staying social can help boost your mood.

PHONE USE LINKED TO WORSE ACADEMIC OUTCOMES

Although people have long speculated that scrolling on your phone might impair cognitive ability, a recent study has laid the foundation for confirming such theories. A peer-reviewed study published in The Quarterly Journal of Economics found evidence on how students’ and their peers’ app usage affect academic performance, physical health and labor market outcomes.



The study, which looked at data from a Chinese university, found that students often influence each other to use their phones more, and high usage meant students spent less time studying, got less sleep and were often late to class. The economists concluded high app usage reduced students’ GPA and had the potential to earn them lower wages.



Loving God with what we have

Our resources can have a positive impact

By Jonathan Harnish

We've all heard the phrase, "Money is the root of all evil." Yet, this isn't a faithful rendering of 1 Timothy 6:10. The NRSV translation says: "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains."

History – and our own lived experience – show how easily wealth can draw us into greed, jealousy, fear and selfishness. For me, Jesus distills the problem and the solution in two teachings:

1. "You cannot serve both God and money," (Matthew 6:24). Therefore...
2. Love the Lord your God and love your neighbor as yourself – for in this, the whole law is fulfilled (as explored in Matthew 22:26-40; Mark 12:30-31; Luke 10:27; Galatians 5:14; and Romans 13:9-10).

Anything that replaces love for God and neighbor – whether the pursuit of wealth or anything else – distorts reality and leads us astray.

This is a challenge for those of us who live in the most affluent nation in history. Most cannot simply step away from money and its influence. We are both privileged and burdened by our affluence and the responsibility that comes with it.

For Everence, the question becomes: How do we walk with integrity, stewarding our money – and ultimately, how do we love God and neighbor with our money? How we invest, for example, can promote justice, advocate for human rights, and develop underserved communities. It can also do the opposite. Everence would be honored to walk alongside you in discovering how generosity, stewardship, and faithful financial practices can bless others and bring positive change in the world.

CONTACT US

Looking for ways to love God and neighbor with your money? An Everence Financial Consultant can walk alongside you and help you fulfill your stewardship goals.



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Small financial habits that make a big difference

Everyday choices that honor your resources

By Federica Pandolfi

When it comes to managing money, it's easy to think only big changes will bring results. Yet often the small, intentional choices we make each day can create the most lasting impact. Practicing good stewardship isn't about wealth, but about using what we've been entrusted with wisely and faithfully. Here are a few simple habits that can strengthen both your financial well-being and your peace of mind:

1. Automate your savings

Direct a small amount into savings each month. Set it up with your bank or credit union so you don't have to remember to do it. Over time, these steady deposits build a cushion that prepares you for the unexpected.

2. Review subscriptions

Unused memberships and services quietly drain resources. Regularly checking your statements and canceling what no longer serves you helps free money for what matters.

3. Round up purchases

Some credit unions and banks let you round each purchase to the nearest dollar and save the difference. These "little leftovers" add up quickly.

4. Revisit recurring bills

Once a year, review your insurance, phone or internet plan. A brief call to your provider can sometimes lower costs or reveal better options.

5. Set reminders for financial check-ins

Put annual notes on your calendar to review your budget, credit report, or beneficiary information. These quick tasks prevent oversights.

6. Practice mindful spending

Pause before nonessential purchases. Ask, "is this the best use of what I've been given?" That moment of reflection can guide wiser choices.

Good stewardship grows through small, steady habits. By making intentional adjustments, you honor your resources and prepare for a more secure future.

LEARN MORE

We can help you look at your budget and build healthy habits around your money. Visit Everence Federal Credit Union to talk with a Financial Wellness Manager.



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Guard the gifts entrusted to you

How your financial choices can honor God

By Damaris Lopez

Growing up in a Hispanic household, money wasn't just about numbers – it was about meaning. We didn't talk about "wealth management," but we talked plenty about trusting God's provision, sharing what we had and making sure no one left our home hungry (even if it meant stretching the arroz and beans a little further).

My Christian faith shapes everything about how I see finances. In 2 Timothy 1:14, Paul reminds us to "guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you – guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit." For me, that "deposit" isn't only money – it's my time, skills, and opportunities. God has placed them in my hands for a purpose, and I'm called to use them wisely, joyfully and with eternity in mind.

In "The Treasure Principle," Randy Alcorn writes, "You can't take it with you – but you can send it on ahead."

That phrase reframes every decision. Whether it's setting aside savings for health care needs, creating a simple budget to stretch the month, or giving generously to bless others, each choice can honor God. I think of Luke 21:2, where Jesus notices the widow who gave two small coins. It wasn't the amount – it was the heart behind it. Stewardship isn't measured in dollars but in devotion.

Being Hispanic adds another layer – deep family ties, resilience, and joy. We celebrate big, even on a small budget, trusting God to multiply what we place in His hands.

So whether you're sipping café con leche, black coffee, or abuelita's hot chocolate, remember: stewardship is about honoring God with what you have, right where you are – and trusting Him to do far more than you could imagine.

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At Everence, we can help you align your faith and finances, putting your God-given gifts to good use. Our Stewardship Consultants can provide resources to maximize your impact.



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THE STEWARDS NEXT DOOR

How Journey Award-winners Jerry and Ruth Ann Wittrig embody everyday generosity

By Abby King

As soon as Jerry and Ruth Ann Wittrig enter the lobby of North Goshen Mennonite Church, they're greeted with hugs from other church members, young and old.

"I try to be sure to set my purse down," Ruth Ann said with a laugh, "so my arms are free for hugs."

The couple, both in their 80s, have attended the Goshen, Indiana, church since 1968. Over the decades, they've become pillars in the community – with Jerry previously serving as assistant pastor and Ruth Ann teaching every single Sunday school age group at one time or another.

In addition to their lengthy tenure and involvement, the Wittrigs have naturally drawn others to the church, building up the community. Over the past almost-60 years, the Wittrigs have invited numerous others to attend North Goshen Mennonite Church by modeling compassion, hospitality, and a spirit of service, which often inspires people to become active members themselves.

"Ruth Ann and I have spent day after day doing the kinds of things that we thought Jesus

would do if he was here," Jerry said. "Throughout the years, we'd try to meet people's needs, and then we would develop friendships with them, and then, if they had no church home, we'd invite them to North Goshen."

"And that has happened over and over again," he added.

In recognition of Jerry and Ruth Ann's lifelong dedication to serving others through acts of compassion and community building, the couple was honored with the 2025 Everence Journey Award. The award, presented annually, recognizes people of faith who use their gifts to benefit others and the world.

The Wittrigs are exemplary models of stewardship and generosity, said Becky Helmuth, pastor of North Goshen Mennonite Church.

"Their generosity has set a model for the congregation, which has encouraged others to follow their lead," Becky said.

LIFETIME OF SERVICE

Since joining North Goshen Mennonite Church in the late 1960s, Jerry and Ruth Ann have spent countless hours serving their church community in numerous capacities.

Jerry served as associate pastor for 22 years, ending his tenure in 2008. He has officiated weddings and funerals, guided couples through marriage counseling, preached on Sunday mornings, and helped the church navigate difficult times.

Ruth Ann spent many Sunday mornings teaching Sunday school lessons to children of all ages, as well as summers teaching Bible school. A talented cook and baker, Ruth Ann founded North Goshen Mennonite Church community meals, which take place the third Wednesday of every month and are open to the community.

Both Ruth Ann and Jerry served on numerous committees at North Goshen Mennonite Church over the years, including as elders. Jerry continues to serve as an elder at the church today.

"Ruth Ann and I have spent day after day doing the kinds of things that we thought Jesus would do if he was here."

JERRY WITTRIG



1. Throughout their lives, Jerry and Ruth Ann have fostered lasting relationships with people in Goshen and around the world. 2. Jerry and Ruth Ann receive the Everence Journey Award from Everence

The couple chose North Goshen Mennonite Church because it offered simultaneous English and Spanish translation, which was important to them since Robert was learning English at the time. Jerry, though not a fluent Spanish speaker himself, was deeply committed to attending the church's Spanish-speaking Sunday school class, where he got to know the Behan Morillos. Despite the language barrier, Jerry's consistent presence offered inclusion and care, Erin said.

And soon, the friendship between the Wittrigs and the Behan Morillos grew beyond Sunday mornings.

The Wittrigs would invite the couple over for dinner, and then, once Erin and Robert had kids, Jerry and Ruth Ann would babysit their kids and often invite the whole Behan Morillo family over. Throughout the last 20 or so years, Jerry and Ruth Ann have helped Erin and Robert navigate faith and parenthood, always with grace and without judgment.

"As we were learning to be parents, they were often the people we went to for advice," Robert said.

"They've been like an additional set of parents to us," Erin added.

In addition to their commitments to North Goshen Mennonite Church, the Wittrigs both had demanding jobs – Jerry worked at Miles Laboratories (which was acquired by Bayer) in Elkhart, which occasionally required him to travel internationally, while Ruth Ann worked as an elementary teacher for Goshen Community Schools.

And while navigating their careers, the couple also raised their three sons: Mark, Matthew and Michael.

Amid juggling their careers and family life, Jerry and Ruth Ann still found the time to make an impact on their neighbors, their community, and their church, making so many feel welcomed, valued and seen.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

"Every person who walks through the doors of North Goshen Mennonite Church is greeted by Jerry and Ruth Ann," Becky, the church's pastor, said. "And soon after that, there'll be an invitation to dinner at their house."

And, for many, it goes beyond just dinner – the Wittrigs become like family.

When Erin and Robert Behan Morillo joined North Goshen Mennonite Church as newlyweds in the early 2000s – Erin returning from living abroad and Robert recently immigrating from the Dominican Republic – they were seeking a supportive faith community.



President and CEO Ken Hochstetler (left) and Financial Consultant Kent Miller.

3. The Wittrigs host a birthday party for a local family in 1993.

4. Ruth Ann tells a children's story at North Goshen Mennonite Church in 1994.

Photo 1 by Brian Yoder Schlabach. Photos 2–4 provided.

Many folks at North Goshen Mennonite Church feel the same – the Wittrigs are honorary grandparents and parents to so many within the church community, Becky said.

"It's that spirit they bring," Becky said. "It makes it feel like you're the only person in the room when they're talking to you."

INSPIRING GENEROSITY

Terry and Velma Peck, lifelong friends of the Wittrigs and fellow North Goshen Mennonite Church members, said they're often inspired by Jerry and Ruth Ann – so much so, they nominated the couple for the Journey Award. Just in the Wittrigs' day-to-day interactions with others, Jerry and Ruth Ann have modeled to the Pecks how to be more like Jesus.

"The Wittrigs notice – a lot of us don't notice – but they notice the needs of others at church and quietly step in to help meet those needs," Velma said.

Terry said there are many stories of the Wittrigs' generosity from decades past that he's just now learning, despite knowing the couple for almost 60 years.

Becky had a similar experience – it wasn't until she became pastor of

North Goshen Mennonite Church that she learned the extent of the Wittrigs' support to people in the community.

They'd bring meals to families when illness or crises struck, or support parents by picking up kids from school or babysitting, Becky said.

Jerry and Ruth Ann also opened their home to families and individuals numerous times, offering a place for those in need to land in emergencies or times of transition.

"They knew what people needed," Becky said. "They could see the needs – big or small – and if they had the means to help, they did."

This desire to help others – whether it be longtime friends or strangers – comes from the Wittrigs' desire to emulate Jesus.

"We say it a lot: 'Now, what would Jesus do in this circumstance?'" Ruth Ann said.

"Asking that question isn't something you retire from," Jerry added. "We're still doing it."

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Congratulations to our regional award recipients:

The National Journey Award winner receives a \$5,000 Everence grant to donate to the charity of their choice. The Wittrigs chose Center for Healing & Hope in Goshen to receive this year's donation.

Each Regional Journey Award winner may select a nonprofit organization to receive a \$1,000 donation. Regional Journey Award recipients this year are:

- **Central Pennsylvania: Kelly Barlow** of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. Her award donations will go to Thomas International Foundation and Joni and Friends Pennsylvania.
- **Iowa/Illinois: Lloyd and Charlotte Stangeland** of Gilman, Iowa. Their award donation will go to Iowa Yearly Meeting.
- **Kansas: Ann Classen** of Meade, Kansas. Her award donation will go to Victory Latin American Outreach, Inc.
- **National: Larry and Virginia Cress** of Lima, Ohio. Their award donation will go to The Wheelhouse.
- **Sarasota: Scott and Jeanie Kauffman** of Sarasota, Florida. Their award donation will go to Sarasota Christian School.
- **Souderton: Brent Alderfer** of New Hope, Pennsylvania. His award donation will go to Mennonite Economic Development Associates.
- **Virginia: Twila Brunk** of Newport News, Virginia. Her award donation will go to Lackey Clinic.

For more information about the Journey Awards or to learn how to nominate someone, visit everence.com/journey-award.

Practical hope beyond the workplace

**THESE EVERENCE EMPLOYEES
CARRY OUT ACTS OF SERVICE
AS PART OF THEIR DAILY LIVES**

By Sharon Hernandez



TO CELEBRATE OUR 80TH ANNIVERSARY,

Everence launched our 80 Acts of Service initiative, inviting employees to make a direct impact in the communities they serve. Throughout the year, Everence teams and employees have helped pack or serve meals, mentor students, and assist with landscaping and cleaning, among other activities.

Beyond the intentional community engagement this year, many Everence employees go out of their way to serve their communities as part of their daily lives. The following stories highlight eight employees who have taken serving to heart; they share why they help and offer advice for those seeking to do the same.



Denise Wayman
*Director of Branch Operations,
Lancaster, Pennsylvania*

Since joining Everence Federal Credit Union, Denise has built relationships with community-focused nonprofits. She volunteers at Lancaster Lebanon Habitat for Humanity and serves on the boards at Assets of Lancaster and Love in the Name of Christ (Love INC). She's also volunteered previously with Everence colleagues to teach workshops at Tenfold, a local social services organization.

All these organizations offer financial education, the possibility to forge new beginnings, and the tools to become entrepreneurs in South Central Pennsylvania.

"For me, I truly enjoy helping and educating others, as well as being a role model as a woman and Latina," Denise said about why she's involved. "I always say, 'you only know what you know.' I want to help others know, learn and grow."

Denise suggests finding a local organization that interests you and shares your values. Volunteers can learn more about the organization they choose and how it functions by joining a committee.



Shari Beck
Financial Planner, Archbold, Ohio

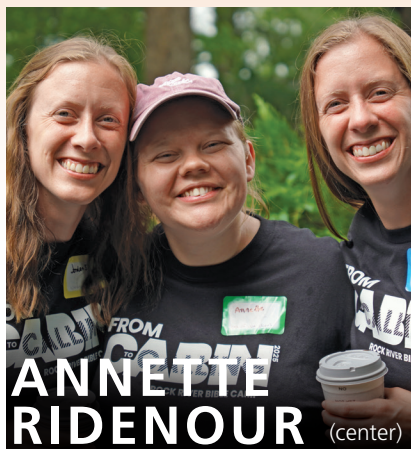
Shari spends a considerable amount of time serving her community in whatever capacity is needed, giving priority to "be where [her] feet are" – she's even more excited when she's volunteering in community activities where her kids are involved.

The list of organizations she's involved with includes Pettisville Schools, North Clinton Church, the Archbold Community Garden, Fulton County Festival of Trees, BIG Committee, 4-H, FFA and Project 216.

While Shari doesn't usually log her volunteer hours, this year's 80 Acts of Service initiative gave her the chance to track her time. In 2025, she volunteered for at least 21 hours.

She credits her work in the financial industry and Everence both for gaining the skills that allow her to use them to serve her community, and for connecting her to organizations that help others.

"In my role at Everence, I've had the opportunity to see the great work of many local nonprofit organizations – helping with committee work, volunteering at events, or even cheering on and rallying participation from others in the community."



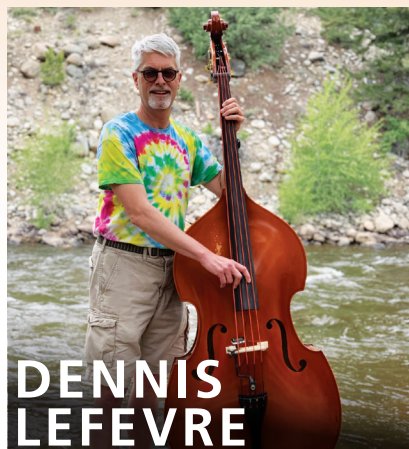
*Digital Marketing Coordinator,
Goshen, Indiana*

Annette began attending Rock River Bible Camp in Dixon, Illinois, when she was 6 years old and started volunteering at 15. More than a decade later, she hasn't stopped going.

Annette seamlessly transitioned from attending to volunteering, following in the footsteps of her older siblings. To her, there was no doubt about whether she'd return to help younger kids, either as a counselor or in some other capacity.

"It was a place where I always felt so loved and seen and supported, and it was a place I really felt confident being myself and that I was going to be accepted," she said. "Most of my big summer memories are all camping."

Now she looks forward to creating a place that's as loving and supportive as the one she encountered as a kid. "They're seeking out that kind of support and mentorship and friendship, and so I think that's really special," she said.



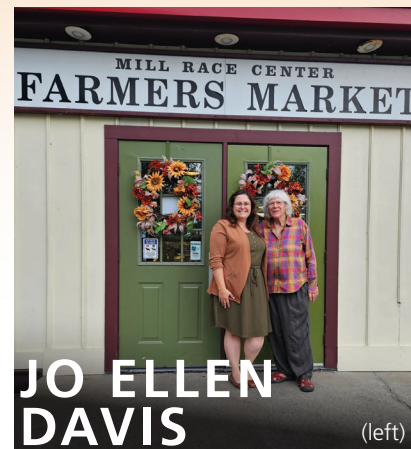
*Financial Consultant,
Denver, Colorado*

With close ties to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in Divide, Colorado, first as students and then as staff, Dennis and his wife, Jen, have assisted in running the Roots Music Camps for the past 11 years.

Dennis coordinates logistics and experiences for instructors and students at the family-friendly camp, which has classes during the day, concerts at night, and jam sessions in the afternoon and late evening. The days at the week-long camp are long and busy, but Dennis enjoys seeing people come together to learn and make music.

"Music can be the bridge that allows us to share enjoyable and refreshing experiences that make us all better people and make our communities better places," he said.

Dennis says finding an organization that supports one's passions and has a positive impact on the community adds value not only to the individual as a volunteer, but also to the organization and its mission.



*Sales and Distribution Operations
Manager, Goshen, Indiana*

For 12 years, Jo Ellen has supported the local growing community by serving at the Community Sustainability Project, a nonprofit in Goshen, Indiana. The organization runs the Goshen Farmers Market and oversees programs that connect the community with fresh food.

Jo Ellen serves as the Farmers Market Manager, managing the operations of the market and supporting the Community Sustainability Project board of directors. Helping cultivate local businesses and future farmers inspires her work.

"Supporting our local growing community and small artisan businesses is something I highly value," she said.

Jo Ellen said she's grateful for the opportunity to serve her community and for the connections she's made along the way, and she stresses that many nonprofits can use a variety of talents from volunteers.

"By serving our community with our time and skills, we not only share our gifts with others but also experience personal fulfillment."

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JO ELLEN DAVIS



*Client Services Representative,
Souderton, Pennsylvania*

Every evening for about two years, Brenda would drive to Dock Woods Senior Living Community in Lansdale to visit her father, who was a resident at a memory care unit. After he passed away in December 2024, Brenda found herself not only missing her father but also many of the residents she had come to know during her visits, and worrying for their well-being.

With 40 years of experience as a nurse, Brenda sought an outlet to use her skills and joined the volunteer staff at Dock Woods.

Every day is a rewarding one – Brenda appreciates the opportunity to serve residents who sometimes remember her and sometimes don't.

"I do like to be busy," she admits. "My husband and my mother will tell me that I'm perhaps 'too busy.' But I intend to keep moving while the good Lord gives me motion and breath. Hopefully, I can make someone else's life a little easier with my efforts."



*Client Services Representative,
Goshen, Indiana*

Looking to network with local business owners, Emma served on the board of directors for Downtown Goshen, Inc. from 2022 to 2024, while working as the manager at Ten Thousand Villages in Goshen. She currently serves as an executive board member at Art House, a nonprofit that supports local artists in northern Indiana.

"Having witnessed the challenges that small artists face, I understand how crucial it is to support them in building both their confidence and their portfolios," she said.

Emma values getting involved because it takes volunteers out of their comfort zones and opens the door to new perspectives, relationships and opportunities.

"Volunteering is a rewarding way to give back to society while also enriching your own life with purpose and connection," she said. "There's something truly joyful about connecting with both the community and the people you volunteer alongside."



*Foundation Charitable
Administrator, Goshen, Indiana*

When Jeff's youngest kids showed an affinity for the performing arts, he became immersed in the world of marching band and winter guard.

He donated and served food, and helped build props throughout the whole season. Then, he joined the Fairfield Music Boosters in hosting its benefit auction.

Jeff saw firsthand how performing arts help young people learn about themselves. Volunteering over the past several years has taught Jeff that every bit of time or talent one can share is highly appreciated when it comes to getting involved.

"'It takes a village' is highly undervalued! In today's busy world, it can be difficult to find ways and time to help, but no matter the time, the task, or the involvement, anything you can do to help an organization deliver upon their goals and missions is appreciated and needed!"

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Support for students

We'd like to recognize our Everence college scholarship recipients for the 2025-2026 academic year. Our scholarships help our young members pursue their dreams through education.



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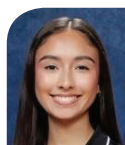
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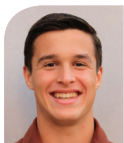
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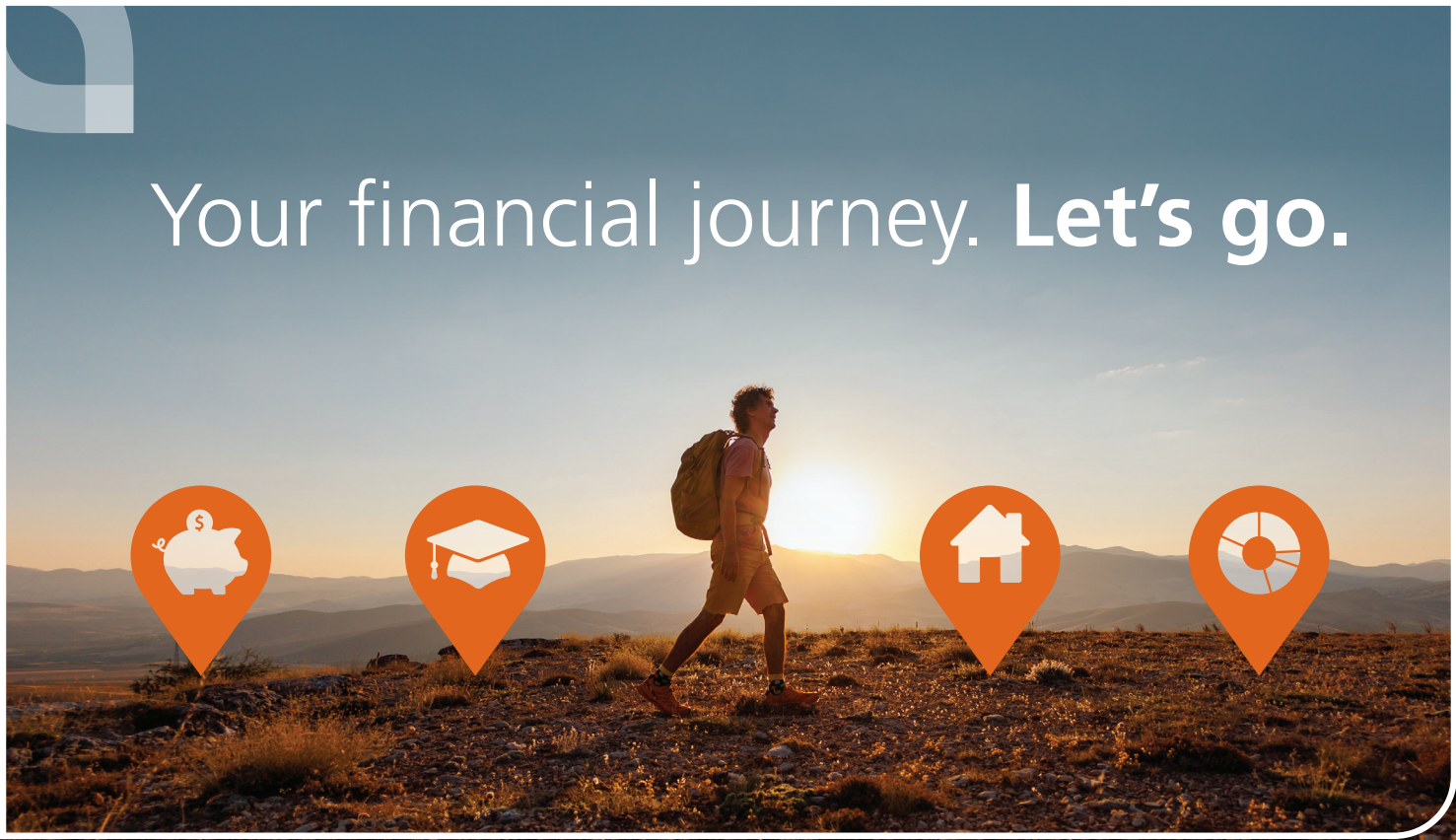
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Everence shows appreciation for members

Whether it's sharing locally made apple butter in Souderton, Pennsylvania, providing pulled pork sandwiches in North Newton, Kansas, or hosting an ice cream truck on a hot day in Harrisonburg, Virginia, Everence offices continue to find special ways to show appreciation to our members.

But it's about more than just the food. Everence appreciation events are an example of how we walk alongside local members and connect with

our communities. Here are highlights from a few appreciation events from this year.

Lancaster: Everence members enjoyed an evening of music and food at Long's Park in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on Aug. 4.

Harrisonburg: The Harrisonburg, Virginia, office welcomed members and guests to a special ice cream social on Sept. 14 to say "thank you" to our clients.

Kansas: The Everence Central Kansas team welcomed 675 members, pastors, and advocates on Sept. 11 for the annual client appreciation event at the North Newton office.

Belleville: The Everence Federal Credit Union branch in Belleville, Pennsylvania, welcomed 225 members to their appreciation event on Sept. 12.

Souderton: The Everence Souderton office welcomed nearly 300 members at the 52nd Annual Apple Butter Frolic on Oct. 4, in partnership with the Mennonite Heritage Center.